



**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Huse *et al.*

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Entitled: **Methods of Optimizing Antibody Variable  
Region Binding Affinity**

Group No.: 1642

Examiner: L. Helms

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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This communication is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in Response to the Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2003. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is enclosed.

The status of all claims is included beginning on page two of this communication.